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INTERNET ACCESS POLICY
Amherst Public Library

The Amherst Public Library, in keeping with its mission, provides educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment to its users through a collection of materials selected to meet their wants and needs. Further, the library is a gateway to resources outside its walls. Information specialists interpret needs and fill them by accessing distant databases, borrowing materials, or sending users to appropriate neighboring institutions.

The library provides Internet access and access to the resources of the Ohio Public Library Information Network to residents of the Amherst School District, South Amherst, and Brownhelm Township. This service may be used to access any resource, engage in any communication, or conduct any activity available on the worldwide Internet or the Ohio Public Library Information Network provided such activity can be done with standard web browsers, with these exceptions:

- **You may not send, receive or display text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as obscene.**
- **You may not use this resource for any illegal purpose.**
- **You may not in any way alter, reconfigure or damage the public access stations of the Amherst Public Library.**
- **You may not modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others by seeking unauthorized access to any computer system, or damaging or altering software components of any network, host server or database.**

Because this is a public resource, the rights of others must be respected and therefore:

- **Time will be limited to one hour when others are waiting.**
- **Material that could be harmful minors may not be displayed on terminals**.

In order to prevent viruses and protect the integrity of the workstations:

- **Do not install software of any kind.**
- **Do not download any plug-ins.**
- **All disks must be scanned by a staff member before it is inserted in a CPU.**
- **Do not save files to the hard drive. Files are erased each time the computer is rebooted.**

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The OPLIN/Internet computers will not be used for any unlawful, unethical purposes. You may not send, receive, or display text or graphics that may reasonably be harmful to minors. Patrons who make unlawful use of the Internet will be banned from using the Library's Internet resources.

Adopted by the Amherst Public Library Board of Trustees September 17, 2001.